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In re Application of Edward I. Wulfman, Thomas J. Clement, Craig E. Lawson

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For

INTRALUMENAL MATERIAL REMOVAL

SYSTEMS AND METHODS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

Kindly amend the subject application as follows:

REMARKS

Claim 19 has been cancelled from the subject application without prejudice to subsequent prosecution of claims to the subject matter of cancelled claim 19 in a related application. This amendment is not being made for reasons related to patentability and therefore does not give rise to prosecution history estoppel. Nor does this amendment constitute new matter.

A Petition to Correct Inventorship of this application is being submitted concurrently with this Amendment.